

September 2023

4-H Newsletter

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STATE FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION

Kansas State Fair Perishable Exhibits are due to your local Extension Office by **Wednesday, September 6th by 5:00 pm** (Flowers, Foods & Vegetables)

****Each 4-H'er will receive 2 tickets to the Kansas State Fair**

4-H ENROLLMENT OPENS OCTOBER 1ST

Enrollment opens on October 1st, please do not enroll earlier than October 1st.
The system will not allow you to enroll early.

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



48 HOURS OF 4-H

48 hours of 4-H Community Service Projects; Check with your 4-H Club to see what projects are going on. More information to come.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: OCTOBER 1ST THROUGH 7TH

All 4-H'ers and Adult Volunteer Leaders are encouraged to celebrate the new 4-H year by **wearing green & white or 4-H themed shirt on Wednesday, October 4th.** Be sure to share and tag us on Facebook #national4hweek

CHECK OUT THE 4-H TIP SHEET FOR STATE EVENTS & INFO

Check out the website at anytime during the 4-H Year to see what is coming up or deadlines to watch out for! A helpful up to date 4-H guide.

www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/

RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 26TH BY 5:00 PM

Turn in completed Record Books, Achievement Trip & Pin Applications by September 26th by 5:00 pm to your local Extension Office.

****Haskell County: Ambassador, Top Boy & Girl Applications as well**

Judy Parsons & Nancy Honig are available to help with record books, email judy78@ksu.edu or nhonig@ksu.edu to set up a time.

Achievement Pin Applications can be found at

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Achievement Trip Applications can be found at

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4-H CLUB FINANCIAL REVIEWS

End-of-year financial reviews will be due **November 1st by 5:00 pm** to your local extension office. Be looking for more information via email.

KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM: KYLF

Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2024 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF on **November 18-19, 2023 at Rock Springs 4-H Center for Youth 14-18 years** of age before January 1, 2024. *Registration to open in August, follow link below for information.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>



Deadline to register is Monday October 16, 2023 by 11:59 pm

HASKELL COUNTY

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting will be held at the **Haskell Extension Office** on **Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds is for kids who are 5-6 years old as of January 1, 2024. **Enrollment is open on October 1st.** If you have someone in your family this age or friends or neighbors with young children please encourage them to be a part of this introduction to 4-H. There will be 7 meetings throughout the year, held every **2nd Wednesday of the Month at the Extension Office.** **Our first meeting will be on October 11th from 4:00-4:45 pm**

Any questions feel free to email:

Kristin Penner at pennerkr@ksu.edu or Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Please do not start the enrollment process until October 1st.

Each 4-H will be responsible for the **\$15 state enrollment fee** when enrolling.



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SEWARD COUNTY

SHOTGUN PRACTICES

For more information contact Lesley at (620)655-2888 or Greg at (620)417-6738

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting will be held at the **4-H Building** on **Monday, October 16th at 6:00 pm**

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STEVENS COUNTY

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JUNIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING

The meeting will be held at the **Extension Office** following the 4-H Council meeting on **Monday, September 18th at 7:45 pm**

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK COUNTY WIDE ACTIVITY

The Junior Leadership Club invites all Stevens Co 4-H'ers to participate in a county-wide thank you to our sponsors. **Each 4-H family is requested to bring 2 dozen cookies to the Extension Office on Friday, September 29th, or Sunday, October 1st between 1:00-2:00 pm.**

Junior Leadership will meet at 1:30 pm on Sunday, October 1st to package and label cookie platters to be delivered to local 4-H supporters National 4-H Week. Club leaders will also identify members/families to help deliver the cookies. We want this to be a face-to-face thank you to our supporters.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING

The meeting will be held at the **Extension Office** at **1:30 pm on Sunday, October 1st**. We will be packaging and labeling cookie platters to be delivered to local 4-H supporters for National 4-H Week.

ACTIVITY FUNDS

The Stevens County 4-H Council voted to once again pay **half of one 4-H event per youth annually**, with a **\$750 cap**. *Eligible events include 4-H Camp, KYLF, Discovery Days, 4-H Congress, and 4-H Sponsored Livestock or Leadership Camps etc.*

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO SEW?

Any first and second year 4-H'ers who would like to learn to sew. Get a head start by contacting Nancy Honig by calling the Extension Office at (620)544-4359 or emailing nhonig@ksu.edu

ELLSAESSER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The Frank and Catherine Ellsaesser Scholarship provides financial assistance to Stevens County 4-H members attending 4-H activities focused on leadership growth. The 4-H Council has implemented several changes, including making funds reimbursable after receiving a thank-you card and presentation about the attended activity, limiting scholarships to \$500 per member, and adjusting the amount given based on available funds. Applications are due by November 1st for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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Any questions feel free to email:

Nancy Honig @ nhonig@ksu.edu or **Kendra Hermreck** @ khermreck07@gmail.com



ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Stevens County 4-H Council will pay the **\$15 state enrollment fee** for any **new 4-H'er** enrolling throughout the year in 4-H. It will also pay the fee for any previously enrolled 4-H'er as long as they enroll no later than November 30th. **This is one of the things that is paid with funds from the concession stand and food auction.**

SARA LEE AND E. BUDD ANDERSON YOUTH GRANT

The Anderson grant was established for Stevens County Youth to improve their community through leadership projects either done individually, as a small group, or as a club. The grant money, up to \$1,000 is to be used to fulfill a community need. The application form is on the Wild West Website under 4-H/Steven Co and is due in January. Last year the grant was used for painting parking lot lines of many churches in the community. If you have questions about the grant contact Nancy Honig at (620) 544-4359.

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Save the date for **Sunday, October 29th at 12:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall.**
It will be a catered dinner, we will be taking RSVP's until October 20th.

Fee:

Free for current 4-H'ers

\$12 for adults

\$5 for children under 4-H age.

Club Duties are assigned as follows:

Setup/Drinks: Wranglers

Decorations: Buffalo Boosters / Heartland

Cleanup: Cloverleaf Cowboys

CALENDAR PHOTO WINNERS

Thank you to all that sent in photos for the Photo Calendar Contest. The winners were chosen from a group of impartial judges.



Congratulations to



Kathryn Brown
Jaycee Burrows

Kamryn Kirkham
Kassidy Kirkham

Jack Sullivan
Katya Wolters

Jayden Burrows
Joshua Burrows

Benjamin Martin
Elodie Sullivan